GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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R.O.C.No. 1306/53 Office of the Kanmal Panchayat, 4-10-1955.

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS
10 OCT 1955
GOVT. OF MADRAS

From

Sri R.N.Shenai, B.A.L.L.T.,
President,
Karkala Panchayat.

To

The Minister for Public works
Madras state, Madras.

Through the proper channel.

Secy., P.W.D.

Sir,

Sub:- Electricity - rates of consumption not to be raised - orders requested for -
Ref:- Resolution 251 dated 29-9-55 of this Panchayat - Karkala South Kanara.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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12 OCT 1955
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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3. Moreover, it is a fallacy to say that the rates of consumption of electrical power are the lowest in our State of all others in India. The rates existing in the other parts of South India under this very system are about 3½ as to 4 annas per unit at the most. In the city of Bombay, the maximum rate is 3½ annas per unit.

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Yours faithfully,

R. Sheshai
PRESIDENT.

Copy forwarded direct to

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Minister for Public Works - Madras Government - Madras.

(2) The Chief Engineer - State Electricity Department, Madras.

(3) The Superintending Engineer, Pykara Electricity System - Coimbatore.

P.W.D. (P-2)

Please see the copy of the letter from the Karkala Panchayat forwarded through the proper channel at pp. 1- 2 above. The report sent through the proper channel may be awaited till 20-11-55.

21.10.55.

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Office of the
Inspector of Municipal Councils
and Local Boards, Madras.

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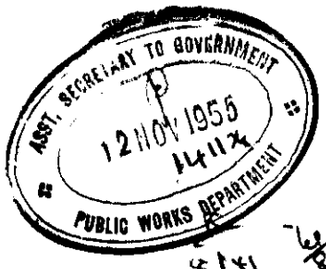
For Inspector



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To
The secretary to government.
Public Works dept.
Madras

P.W.D. (P-2)

Please see the Endt. of the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Madras, ~~abstracting~~ forwarding a letter from the Karhala Panchayat, at p. 1 ante.

With reference to the letter of the Karhala Panchayat at pp. 5-6 infra, it is submitted ~~that~~ press cuttings of the statement of M(W) in the matter have already been taken and they are being examined. This may be added to the connected file (no. 37745-P/55)

Roc. No. 26922/53

49200

Submitted to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards Madras.

Regional Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Western Range, Coimbatore.

To
The Inspector of Local Boards Madras.

R.O.C.No. 1306/55

Office of the Karkal
Panchayat, 4-10-1955.

From

Sri R.H.Shenai, B.A.L.T.,
President,
Karkala Panchayat.

To

The Minister for Public works
Madras state, Madras.

Through the proper channel.

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Sub:- Electricity - rates of consumption not to be raised - orders requested.for -

Ref:- Resalution 251 dated 29-9-55 of this Panchayat - Karkala South Kanara.

DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICE
7 OCT 1955
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SOUTH KANARA

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R. H. Shenai

PRESIDENT.

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(3) The Superintending Engineer, Pykara Electricity System - Coimbatore.

N. Dis. 4487/55.

Submitted to the minister-for Public Works Madras State, Madras through the Regional Inspector of Local Boards for favour of Considering favourably the request of the panchayat at an early date

P. J. Alva
19.10.55
Addl. District Panchayat Officer,
SOUTH KANARA.

REGIONAL INSPECTOR OF PANCHAYATS & LOCAL BOARDS
28 OCT 1955
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Memo No. 14 11 × P/55-1 dated. 26/8/55.
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Sub: Elecy – Rates for consumption of electricity – Enhancement of.

Ref: From the President, Karkala Panchayat, R.O.C. No. 1306/55 dated 4-10-55.

The attention of the CE(E) is invited to ~~A copy of~~ the letter cited from the Karkala Panchayat [copy ~~forwarded~~ direct] forwarded to the C.E.(E) ~~for~~ and he is requested to ~~remarks~~ offer his remarks thereon at an early date. A copy of the letter is enclosed for ready reference

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25/11/55

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To the E.E.(E) with copy of ~~Copy of letter~~ M 5-6 CF

Note: With reference to the Statement of M(W) at the press conference, referred to at 'A' on p.5 of, necessary press cuttings have already been taken and are being examined. Regarding the other points in the letter, the C.E.(E)'s remarks seem necessary. The draft memo overleaf is for approval.

11.55.

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Roc. 1306/55

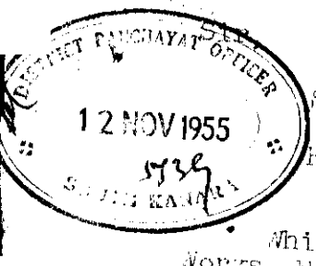
From

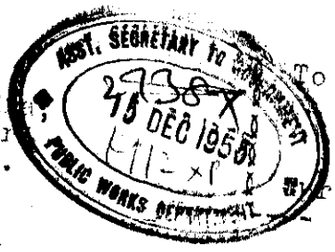
Office of the Karkal Panchayat, 7-11-1955.

Sri P. Ramachandra,
Executive Officer,
Karkal Panchayat.

To

The Minister for Public Works,
Madras State - Madras.
Through: The proper channel.





Sub:- Electricity - rate of consumption not to raise - orders requested.

Ref:- This office Roc. 1306/55 dated 4-10-1955.

While inviting the kind attention of the Minister for Public Works, Madras, to the reference cited above I request the favour of issue of early orders on the subject.

Ramachandra
EXECUTIVE OFFICER. 10/11/55

N. Dis 5139/55.

Submitted to the Minister for Public Works, Madras State, Madras Through the Regional Inspector of Local Boards Coimbatore in Continuation of this office N. Dis 44487/55 dated 19/10/55 for favour of Considering the request of the Karkala panchayat at an early date.

16.11.55

Addl. Director

Office of the Regional Inspector of M. Cs. and Local Boards, Western Range, Coimbatore.

53309

N.dis 28684/53

INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL BOARDS 29 NOV 1955 MADRAS

Submitted to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards Madras in Continuation of his Office N.dis 26922/53 dated 3.11.53

Regional Inspector

To
The Inspector of
Local Boards
Madras

Office of the
Inspector of Municipal Councils
and Local Boards, Madras

for e ~~D.Dis.~~ 53309/55 d 12 -11-55

Forwarded in continuation

of this office R. Dis. 44200/55 d 10-11-55.

Inspector
For Inspector

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras.

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P.W.D. (P.2)

Memo No. 1411 xP/55-2 dt. 22/12/55

Sub: Elecy - Rates for consumption of elecy - Enhancement of.

Ref: From the President, Karkala Panchayat, R.O.C. No. 1306/55 dated 4-10-55

Govt. Memo No. 1411 xP/55-1 dt 26-11-55

The C.E.(E) is requested to expedite submission of his remarks

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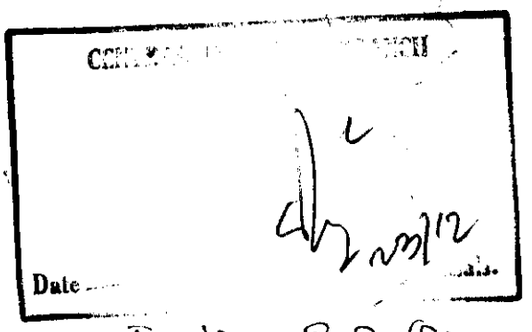

To the C.E. (E).

PWD (P2)

Note.

Please see the reminder from the E.O, Karkala Panchayat at p. 13 cf. The E.E.(E) may be requested to expedite submission of his remarks in the matter. The draft memo overleaf is for approval.

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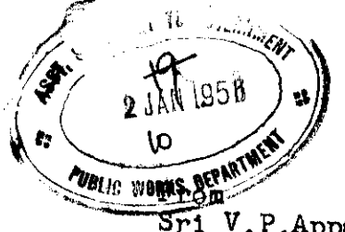
Minister



GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

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Sri V.P.Appadurai, B.A., M.I.E.(Ind.),
Chief Engineer for Electricity,
157, Mount Road, Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Madras.

No.117-J/53-68 Dated 29-12-55

Sir,

Sub:- Electricity - Rates for consumption of electricity - enhancement of - regarding.

Ref:- Government Memo.No.1411-X/55-2 P.W. D/22-12

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The remarks called for from the Superintending Engineer, Pykara Electricity System in the matter are awaited. He is being reminded. On their receipt, they will be examined and a report sent to Government

P.W.D. (P. 2)
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for Chief Engineer (Electricity).

GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

From

Sri V.P. Appadurai, B.A., M.I.E.(Ind).,
Chief Engineer for Electricity,
157, Mount Road, Madras-2.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8-FEB 1956
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

No. 117-J/53-72, dated 3-2-1956.

Sub: Electricity - Rates for consumption of Electricity - Enhancement of - Regarding.

Ref: Government Memo.No.1411-XP/55-1, P.W., dated 26-11-1955.

The President, Karkala Panchayat Board has in his letter dated 4-10-1955 requested not to enhance the rates in the Udipi area on the assumption that the tariff rates will be increased further. In this connection have to state that Udipi-Karkala area is governed by the ex.licensee's tariff/which are higher than the departmental hydro electric rates. The question of introducing the departmental tariff for the area was considered on more than one accesion, but on account of the high cost of generation of thermal power and maintenence, reduction of ex.licensee's rates could not be effected. However as an impetus for rapid growth of electricity in the area, the 50% (war costs) surcharge which was being levied for a number of years, was withdrawn with effect from June 1955 as per G.O.Ms.No.1873, dated 12-5-1955. There is now no intention to increase the rates in force in Udipi-Karkala area and the President, Karkala Panchayat Board may be informed accordingly.

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For Chief Engineer for Electricity.

I. M. D. (F.P.).

Memo. No. 1411 xP/55-4 D/12.3.56

Sub: Electricity - rates for consumption of electricity in Udipi-Karkala area.

Ref: From the President, Karkala Panchayat, Doc.No.1306/55, dated 4-10-55.

The President, Karkala Panchayat is informed that Govt. have now no intention to increase the rates for consumption of electricity in Udipi-Karkala area now in force.

20.2.56.

28/2/56

19.3.56

To the President, Karkala Panchayat, South Kanara.

P. W. D. (P.2.).

Sub: Electricity - Rates for consumption of electricity in Udipi-Karkala area.

Ref: From the President, Karkala Panchayat, R.C,C. No.1306/55, dated 4-10-55.
Memo. to the C.E.(E), No.1411 XP/55-1, dated 26-11-55.
From the C.E.(E), letter No.117 J/53-72, dated 3-2-1956.

Please see the letter from the President, Karkala Panchayat at pp.1-2 c.f. and the remarks of the C.E.(E) in the matter at p.23 c.f. In view of the statement of I (W) referred to at 'A' on p.1 c.f. the President, Karkala Panchayat has assumed that the tariff rates applicable to Karkala area will be increased further. For the reasons stated in paragraph 2(3) on p.1 c.f. he has requested that the rates of electrical consumption in the Karkala Panchayat area need not be raised. The C.E.(E) has stated that there is now no intention to increase the rates in force in Udipi-Karkala area and that the President, Karkala Panchayat may be informed accordingly.

2. A Committee consisting of the C.E.E.s and the Chief Controller of Accounts has been constituted to examine the tariffs in force in this State and submit recommendations for their general revision. The intention is to have a uniform tariff for all parts of the State. It may therefore be expected that in such of the places where the rates are already high when compared to other areas of this State, there will not be any further increase even if there is not actually a reduction. In the circumstances the President, Karkala Panchayat Board may be informed as suggested by the C.E.(E).

3. A draft memorandum is submitted for

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29/2/56

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P.W.U.O. 1411-RP/55-3
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The notes of P.W.D. on p1 ante and the draft memo below may be perused and the file returned to P.W.D.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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2-MAR 1956
HEALTH, EDUCATION & LOCAL ADMN. DEPT.

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Dr.dO no 23838/56 L2
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P.W.D.(P-2)

Please see the note of the HELA Dept. above. The draft memo below may issue.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8 MAR 1956
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

9.3.56.
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